

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Applicant:	Kuwabara et al.
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Title:	<b>METAL MATERIAL AND METHOD FOR PRODUCTION THEREOF</b>

**AMENDMENT-B INCLUDING  
RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT**

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Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

In response to the restriction requirement in the Office Action of November 5, 2008, applicant hereby elects without traverse Group V identified by the Examiner, which includes method claims 9 and 11-16. Additionally, applicant submits the following amendment.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of the claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 8 of this paper.